

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement for claims 1-20, identifying the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-10 drawn to a method for controlling dental caries comprising administering purified SmaA protein;
- II. Claims 11-15 drawn to a recombinant protein or composition comprising the polypeptide;
- III. Claims 16-18 drawn to an isolated DNA sequence encoding SmaA protein, vector and host cell;
- IV. Claims 19-20 drawn to a method of producing SmaA polypeptide by culturing host cell, which expresses SmaA polypeptide

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, without traversal, the Group I invention (claims 1-10, drawn to a method for controlling dental caries comprising administering purified SmaA protein) for prosecution. As a result, claims 11-20 have been withdrawn for consideration in a potential divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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